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* 2956 *Q*.—SRI D. KRISHNAMURTHY GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the villages in the Salem and North Arcot districts that are marked in the Andhra State area in the maps drawn up by the officer of the Union Government on the linguistic basis of 1951 Census; and

(*b*) the villages that would come to the Madras State from the Andhra State on the same basis?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) & (*b*) In the maps prepared by the Superintendent of Census Operations in respect of the disputed taluks, including those in Salem and North Arcot districts, lying on either side of the existing Andhra-Madras border, all villages with over 50 per cent Telugu-speaking people have been shaded with one colour and all villages with over 50 per cent Tamil-speaking people have been shaded with a different colour. Until, however, the whole matter is discussed at a conference of the representatives of the two States and an agreement is reached between the two Governments of Andhra and Madras on the proposed boundary between the two States, it is not possible to say what all villages now lying in the Madras State will be transferred to the Andhra State and *vice cersa*.

Conference of village leaders in Pudukkottai Division.

* 2957 *Q*.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a conference of village leaders in the Block Development areas of Pudukkottai Division, Tiruchirappalli district, was held under the auspices of the National Extension Service Scheme during the period June-July 1955;

(*b*) if so, the total number of village leaders selected to attend the conference;

(*c*) the expenditure to Government on this conference;

(*d*) the total number of officials and non-official participants in the conference; and

(*e*) the decisions of the conference?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) Yes. A training camp for Village Leaders in Pudukkottai Block was held for three days at Tiruvarangulam from 12th to 14th July 1955.

(*b*) Seventy village leaders.

(*c*) Rs. 436–4–6.

(*d*) The Director of Rural Welfare, the District Collector, District Agricultural Officer, District Health Officer, Cattle Farm Superintendent, Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, the Block Advisory Committee Members and other leading ryots and Mirasdars participated in the conference.

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(e) The camp was organized for giving training to village leaders in all aspects of Community Development, so that they may themselves draw up plans for development and execute them. No definite decision was taken, but the leaders were requested to put the instructions and practical demonstrations into effect in their villages.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Retired employees of the former Pudukkottai State

522 *Q.*—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) The number of retired employees of the former Pudukkottai State Education Department under the Tiruchirappalli District Board service who have not been given—

(1) even anticipatory pension for more than one year; and

(2) final pension for more than one year; and

(b) the reasons for such delay?

A.—(a) (1) One.

(2) Two.

(b) Correspondence has to be carried on to determine the amount of pension for which the teachers in question are eligible from State funds.

Drinking-water wells for Harijans

523 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the amount sanctioned for drinking-water wells for Harijans by Harijan District Welfare Officers in the year 1953–54;

(b) the amount actually spent on that account;

(c) the amount allotted for the above purpose in the year 1954–55; and

(d) the amount spent so far and the number of new wells dug and old wells repaired during the year 1953–54?

A.—(a) Rs. 1,85,764.

(b) Rs. 1,45,436.

(c) Rs. 1,78,665.

(d) An amount of Rs. 1,68,483 was spent during 1954–55, 45 new wells were dug and 121 old wells repaired during 1953–54.

Government employees

524 *Q.*—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of employees as per each department of Government removed or dismissed from service and subsequently restored to office during the years 1953 and 1954;